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H.B. No. 47

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to presumptive coverage for school district employees that contract COVID-19.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 607.054, Government Code, is amended as follows:

Sec. 607.054. TUBERCULOSIS, SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19, OR OTHER RESPIRATORY ILLNESS.

(a) A firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical technician who suffers from tuberculosis, or any other disease or illness of the lungs or respiratory tract that has a statistically positive correlation with service as a firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical technician, that results in death or total or partial disability is presumed to have contracted the disease or illness during the course and scope of employment as a firefighter, peace officer, or emergency medical technician.

(b) An employee of a school district who is diagnosed with the virus SARS-CoV-2 or with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) by a test approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that results in death or total or partial disability is presumed to have contracted the disease or illness during the course and scope of employment as an employee of a school district.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately.